

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of:****Flautt, et al.****Serial No.: 09/943,607****Group Art Unit: 1774****Filed: August 30, 2001****Examiner: Jill M. Gray****For: Calcium Carbonate filled Epoxy Urethane String Binders****Attorney Docket No.: 25035A (OC 0113 ROA)**

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Madam:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in response to the non-final Office Action in the above-entitled application, mailed October 24, 2002. This response is timely because it is being filed within the three-month time period set for a response. The Applicants will address all the points raised by the Examiner and demonstrate that the present invention is patentable. Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

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